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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

John S. PETERSEN et al.

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Prior to the examination of the above identified application, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please delete claims 1-10 and add new claims 15-24 as follows:

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5.15. A computer program product for controlling a computer comprising a recording medium readable by the computer, means recorded on the recording medium for directing the computer to generate at least one file corresponding to a phase shifting mask capable of transferring an image, including 0<sup>th</sup> diffraction order and ±1<sup>st</sup> diffraction orders, onto a material, said generation of said file comprising the step of:

generating a phase-shifting mask comprising at least one unattenuated, halftoned, phase-shift feature;